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 **HUMCO COVID COUNT, MONDAY, JAN. 18:** TESTS 62,113 CASES 2,263 RECOVERED 1,674 HOSPITALIZED 78 DEATHS 24 RISK **WIDESPREAD**

Widespread outbreak that is growing with many undetected cases. Take strong measures to limit all contact.

High School class restart hinges on vaccinations

Jack Durham

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McKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA – A plan to bring students back to classrooms hinges on getting faculty and school employees vaccinated for COVID-19.

Students and staff will also need to follow strict protocols, including masking, hand washing and social distancing in order to resume in-person learning in the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, which includes McKinleyville, Arcata, Pacific Coast, Six Rivers Charter and Mad River high schools.

A plan for returning to school was unanimously approved by the NHHUSD Board of Trustees at its Jan. 12 meeting.

Parents will soon be surveyed



Cedric Aaron, Jr.

about whether they want their children to return to in-person learning. Distance learning will still remain an option for those with safety concerns.

NHHUSD Superintendent Roger Macdonald told the trustees that there is no target date for bringing students back because the plan depends upon the availability of the vaccine.

"Once the vaccine is available and there are clinics for faculty... that triggers, then, the timeline," Macdonald said.

Macdonald said he hopes the vaccine is available in late January or February.

The vaccine requires two shots, about three weeks apart, plus roughly two weeks for it to become effective.

NHHUSD ♦ PAGE 4



CRAB SEASON

Crab fishermen loaded up and headed out in Trinidad last Thursday morning, later returning with their catch. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

New vax phase as COVID swells

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – During a week in which the county once again confirmed over 200 new COVID-19 cases, the next vaccine eligibility category was announced – residents who are 75 years old and older.

The vaccination effort continues as the surging case count is accompanied by increased hospitalizations and a reduction of Humboldt County's ICU bed availability.

A breakdown of how much vaccine has been administered and who'll get doses next was explained by Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman at a January 14 online press conference.

The first phase of vaccination, of health care providers, began in mid-December and Hoffman said it's almost complete. There are about 10,000 health care workers in the county and vaccine doses have been offered to all of them, with 7,300

doses given.

Hoffman said that about 70 percent of health care workers offered the vaccine have accepted it.



**Dr. Ian P.
Hoffman**
Humboldt
health officer

A federal and state plan designates people ages 65 and up as being eligible next, which isn't doable in Humboldt. But there's enough vaccine to include the 75 years and older age group.

Hoffman said that age group includes 10,000 residents. He added that 12,500 first and second vaccine doses have been shipped to the county to date, with 5,200 first and second doses remaining.

COVID ♦ PAGE 4

Near-forest cannabis farm OK'd

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

KNEELAND-ISH – The City of Arcata's concerns about the proximity of a cannabis farm to a community forest border have been addressed, prompting a county Planning Commission permit approval.

At their January 7 meeting, commissioners approved permits for a cannabis farm near the Jacoby Creek Forest.

Advanced by Emerald Coast Genetics, Inc., the project includes 11,440 square feet of mixed light cultivation off of Fickle Hill Road in the Kneeland area, an overall



INDOOR FOREST The Emerald farm. VIA COUNTY PLANO

downscale from previously existing cultivation.

Commissioner Noah Levy

asked about Arcata's con-

cerns about setback from its

community forest and timber

restocking of a border area.

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Esteban Gonzales

Esteban Gonzales taken by COVID-19

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ARCATA – Esteban Gonzales, proprietor of Esteban's Mexican Restaurant on I Street, has passed away from complications of COVID-19.

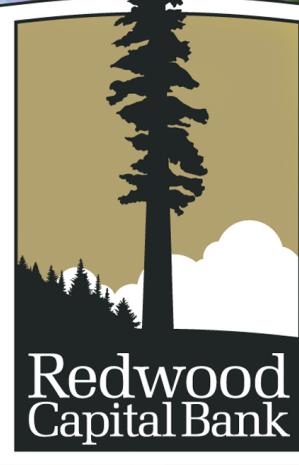
A GoFundMe page has been established to assist his family.

States the page, "This is a tragic loss for his beloved wife and family, and a shock to those who have loved visiting Esteban's restaurant and food truck. Friends and community are welcome to bring cards and flowers to the restaurant at 1021 I Street in Arcata, and Arcata Main Street is creating this fundraiser to

ESTEBAN ♦ PAGE 2

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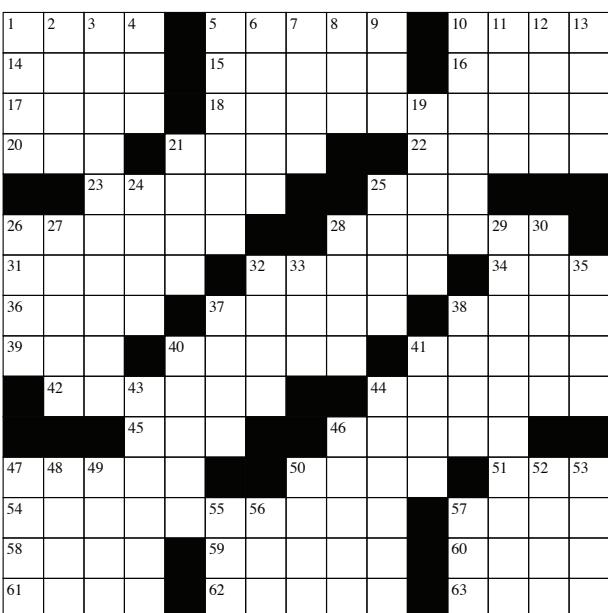
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- Rake
- Actress Jeanne
- Rajah's wife
- Movie dog
- School event
- Eur. language
- Long, long periods
- Wetland
- Tiny picture
- Blushing
- Story
- Dennis, for one
- Word with right or acute
- Diving birds
- Accessory
- Formal fight
- Tragic hero
- Canary's home
- Slip up
- Beach sights
- Poor pitches
- Flee
- Bill holder
- Whack
- Blockhead
- Book of maps
- Rower's needs
- Nothing
- Deficiencies
- Mean fellow
- Male red deer
- 1 or 2 or 3, e.g.
- Martin, for one
- Finishes
- Pile up
- Helpful one: abbr.

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- Left the ground
- Canoe types
- Pod veggie
- Resounded
- Façade
- Shapely legs
- Go quickly
- Abbr. at the end of many business names
- Fleet
- Hideaway
- Landers and Jillian
- Sound of relief
- Foreboding signs
- Slave of old
- Actress Carter
- City near Lake Tahoe
- Dip out water
- Accustom
- Stooge's namesakes
- Issues a dare to
- Bird of prey
- Passionate feeling
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- Examination
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FROM PAGE 1
invite anyone who would like to donate in support of Esteban's family to help with expenses."

In 2013, Esteban repelled a robber armed with a gun with use of a knife.

On Wednesday July 24, 2013 at about 6:15 p.m., officers from the Arcata Police Department responded to the La Chiquita Taqueria in the 700 block of 10th Street for the report of an attempted robbery.

Esteban had been in the back when he heard

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someone tap on the front counter requesting service. When he came to the counter the suspect grabbed him by the hair and pushed a small pistol to his neck and demanded money.

Esteban retrieved a large kitchen knife from behind the counter and fend off the suspect. The owner then chased the suspect from the business and down the street.

APD investigators developed information that Sean Butler-Smith, 26, was responsible for the attempted robbery.

On Aug. 6, 2013, detectives located Butler-Smith in the 900 block of Scenic Drive in Trinidad and he was taken into custody without incident.

Butler-Smith was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional facility on charges of robbery, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, probation violation and for three outstanding arrest warrants.

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Sunrise Rotary creates seven paid internships

ROTARY CLUB OF ARCATA SUNRISE

ARCATA — Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise is offering a new opportunity for youth in our community. Using funds secured through the District 5150 Matching Grant, Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise is creating seven paid internships aimed at members of a vulnerable and underserved population, homeless and foster youth aged 16-24.

The internship will provide youth with resume and interviewing skills, help gathering necessary identification documents, and clothing and gas stipends as needed. An Arcata Police Department Juvenile Diversion Counselor will provide guidance, support, and case management to youth in the program. The goal is to provide a support system and experience necessary for youth who face additional barriers to employment.

Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise is currently reaching out to local organizations and businesses wanting to make a difference in their community by hosting a youth internship at no cost to the business.

"It's an incredible program. It not only creates opportunity and support but also builds community," noted Crystal Perez, Arcata Police Department juvenile diversion counselor. Contact Perez at (707) 825-2538 for more information about this opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise is one of 35,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. Rotary envisions a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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ARCATA CITY COUNCIL

The Arcata City Council meets Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. via Zoom at [zoom.us/j/97417136757](https://us02717136757) or by phone at *671 (669) 900-6833. It is

also viewable on the city's YouTube channel. Agenda items include the Annual Report of the City of Arcata Planning Commission; a Financial Forecast of Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/21; Applications to the State Community Development Block Grant Program; Coronavirus Response Rounds 2 and 3; Adoption of Urgency Ordinances Extending Restrictions on the Eviction of Commercial Tenants Due to



Non-Payment of Rent Because of COVID-19; City Goal Setting 2021/22 Preparation; Stakeholder Engagement Meetings; Abating Nuisance Conditions at 3555 and 3525 Curtis Avenue and Ordering Collection of Costs as a Special Assessment; Presentation on Arcata's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Update and Community Preparedness Efforts; an Ordinance Regulating the Operation of Vacation Rentals and Limiting the Total Number Allowed to 125; a Salary Adjustment for Councilmembers as Provided Under State Law; and more.

WESTAVEN CSD

Westhaven Community Services District Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID: 822 2547 8058. The board will discuss and potential resolution of disinfection by product issues; HBMWD pipeline extension to Trinidad Rancheria; Ordinance on Horses and Motorcycles on district property and Pilot study for enhanced water treatment, a Manager's Report on Water Loss, Project Updates — Disinfection By-products Project. For a full agenda and more information call the WCSD at (707) 677-0798, email wcsl@suddenlinkmail.com or go to westhavencsd.org.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Drew Small was recently selected as the 2020 Employee of the Year by his fellow employees at the McKinleyville Community Services District.

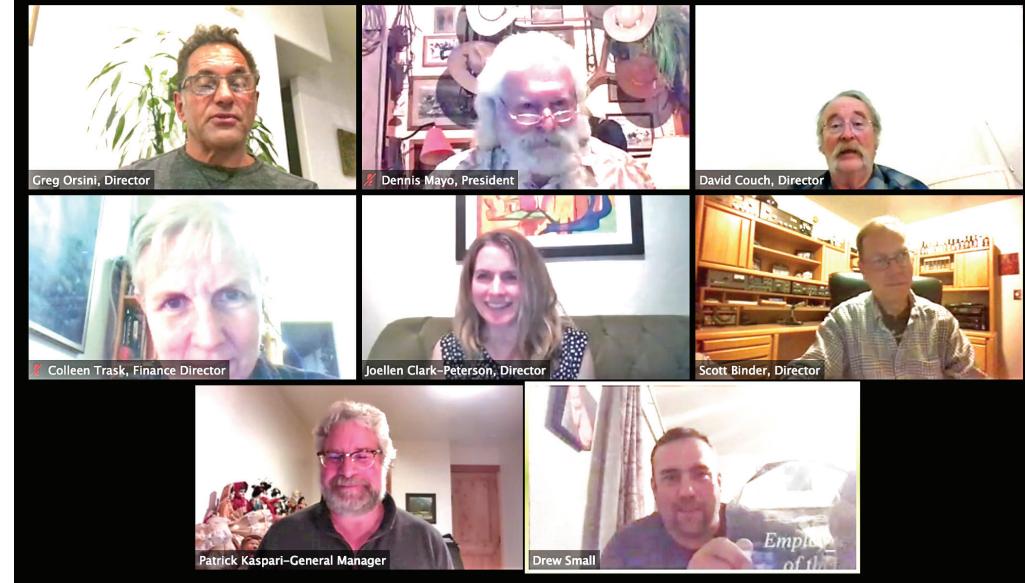
Small, bottom right, accepted the award at the Jan. 6 meeting of the MCSD Board of Directors.

The employee of the year is chosen through a secret ballot of his peers. Small works at the

Wastewater Management Facility and is admired for his hard work. Small joins a pantheon of MCSD Employees of the Year, a recognition began by the late-Norman Shopay in 2009.

Previous awardees are Sharon Denison, 2009, Tony Ruttan, 2010, James Henry, 2011, Lesley Frisbee, 2012, William McBroome, 2013, David Baldosser, 2014, Diane Sloan, 2015, Chris Jones, 2016, Jennifer Olsen, 2017, Erik Jones, 2018 and P. Kyle Stone, 2019.

SCREEN SHOT OF ZOOM MEETING



A message to families about

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Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year has begun.

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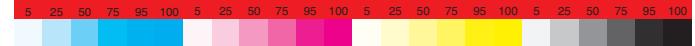
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Resolution for COVID 'local control' dropped

Daniel Mintz

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — A proposed Board of Supervisors resolution vouching for Humboldt County's ability to "respond locally to the COVID-19 virus in accordance with our local data and circumstances" has been dropped by its sponsor, Supervisor Rex Bohn.

Facing community criticism of the resolution's goals, Bohn agreed to withdraw it from consideration at the board's January 12 meeting.

Known as The Healthy Communities Resolution, the document opposes the state's "one-size-fits-all" approach to reopening communities that fails to allow the flexibility to respond in a data-driven way to what is occurring in our county."

The resolution was drafted by Republican state legislators and has been adopted by multiple counties that object to the state's tiered system of coronavirus-related restrictions.

Saying "I didn't realize this would cause this much uproar," Bohn described the resolution as statement of support for local public health decisionmaking.

He said he wants to give county public health officials "the latitude to handle this pandemic on a more local basis when our numbers con-

tinue to prove much better than the balance of the state."

The resolution reflects "the attitude and aptitude of Humboldt," he continued. Bohn cited the North Coast region's and Humboldt's ICU bed capacities as examples of local conditions that differ from the rest of the state.

But the northern region's capacity was at 17.6 percent as of the day of the meeting, bringing it closer to the state's restriction-triggering threshold of 15 percent.

Supervisor Mike Wilson strongly opposed the resolution, saying he's gotten "an immense amount of negative feedback" on it. He compared its approach to a lack of broad federal pandemic response.

"From the strategic end at the federal level, it's just been absolutely horrible," he said. "There has been a lack of cohesiveness that I don't want to replicate from the bottom up."

Supervisor Michelle Bushnell said she supports reopening schools as soon as possible but that goal is reflected in the governor's recently-announced Safe Schools for All Plan. She supports allowances of local control "when our numbers

are sufficiently lowering."

Supervisor Steve Madrone noted that the state's current rules allow school districts to make decisions on resuming classroom instruction in collaboration with parents and teachers.

Saying he opposes the resolution, Madrone noted one of the origin points of its support, the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

He noted that in a photo on a website promoting the resolution, three out of five of the Placer supervisors are unmasked despite all being together in the same room.

"Yes, they're five or six feet apart but a majority were unmasked and of course, we've had some complaints about unmasked supervisors in our courthouse as well," Madrone said. He believes that "now is not the time to loosen things up, it's the time to double down and stay the course."

With Bohn's agreement to withdraw the resolution, the matter was dropped.

The timing of the resolution wasn't ideal. It coincided with the county returning to the state's purple or highest COVID-19 risk tier.



Rex Bohn

Emerald | Near-JCF farm impacts mitigated

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County Planner Christopher Alberts reported that concerns about timber conversion were discussed during meetings of the city's Forest Management Committee (FMC).

"From that meeting, they settled on a restocking plan," Alberts said, adding he spoke with city officials the week of the meeting and "their concerns have already been mitigated."

The border buffer area will be restocked and a 150-foot setback from the forest boundary has been agreed upon.

County Senior Planner Cliff Johnson said he was at the FMC meetings and the committee's setback and replant-

ing recommendations are part of the permit conditions.

Alberts added that he's worked with Irvine, California-based project agent and parcel owner Bruce Zimmerman since 2017 on the application and "it has been a great pleasure to be on this operation."

He said the project has on-grid power with emergency-only generator use, spotted owl surveys have been done and greenhouses will be covered by light-blocking tarps.

The former operation included about 18,000 square feet of combination mixed light/outdoor cultivation and the approved project increases the mixed light element and eliminates the outdoor area.

The commission's approval vote was unanimous.

NHUHSD | 'We can do this'

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So in-class learning can take place roughly five to six weeks after the vaccinations begin, Macdonald said.

"We're not picking an arbitrary date," Macdonald said. "The date is based on the effectiveness of the vaccine."

Macdonald expressed optimism about the vaccine and said "This is very exciting news. It's good."

However, the vaccine alone will not ensure that the schools are safe from COVID-19, which has claimed an estimated 398,000 lives in the United States since the pandemic began.

"The vaccine is not a panacea. It's not perfect," Macdonald said.

Although faculty who choose to take the vaccine will have some protection when they return to the classroom, the students will not. Young people are likely to be the last to receive the vaccine as it's rolled out. Also, the vaccine is only recommended for people who are 16 years of age or older, so most freshmen and some sophomores will not be vaccinated.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, it's unknown whether people who are vaccinated can still spread the virus to other people.

"We're still talking about a situation where we need to be careful," Macdonald said.

In preparation for a return to classrooms, the district has made improvements to its heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.

The coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, is spread by people being in the same room and breathing. Airborne transmission can be reduced with increased air ventilation and air cleaning.

Johnny Kell, the NHUHSD school nurse, said that all air filters have been replaced and HVAC systems have been altered to keep fans running.

"We have invested in extremely high quality air purifiers," Kell said.

Despite all these precautions, it's still possible that the virus will spread when students return to school, Kell said.

"We need to remember that

transmission will occur in the classroom and it will go home," Kell said.

During the time for public comments, a person identified as Kim Keasey during the Zoom meeting lambasted the district for not having students already in classrooms. The district shifted to distance learning in March of 2020.

"I'm feeling frustrated that you don't have a plan," Keasey said. "We're spinning our wheels here."

Students are suffering, Keasey said.

"These kids are missing out on days they can never get back," Keasey said. "I think you guys have made a huge mistake and you need to fix it."

Most people who spoke, however, were supportive of the district's actions and urged caution.

"I don't think it's worth risking the health of each other to go back to school," said Mack High senior Olivia Alexander.

When it came time for the trustees to consider the plan, they emphasized the importance of letting parents and students know what exactly in-class learning will look like and the protocols that will need to be followed.

These details will be included in a survey sent out to parents asking them whether they want their children to return to the classroom. The district will develop more detailed plans based on the survey results.

Macdonald said the district is also planning for a more robust-than-usual summer school.

"I really want to go nuts with summer school," Macdonald said. Federal grant funds may allow the district to offer all sorts of interesting programs.

Trustees said that the key to the district's success will be everyone taking the right precautions to stop the spread of the virus.

"If we really want to open up school, then we as a community need to come together and do the things that are needed to happen, and that's going to be hard," said Trustee Brian Lovell.

"I think we can do this No-Hum!" said Trustee Cedric Aaron Jr.

HSU study finds that social isolation is where conspiracy theories, COVID denial take hold

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

HUMBOLDT — As health officials continue to implore the public to wear masks and practice social distancing, recent research by Humboldt State University Psychology Professor Amber Gaffney provides key insights into connections between social isolation, conspiratorial thinking and resistance to COVID-19 protocols.

Working with HSU Psychology instructor Stephanie Souter, along with support from Professor Steve Reicher of University of St. Andrews, Lily Syfers (PhD candidate at University of Alberta) and HSU graduate students James Peabody and Jaz Mendez, Gaffney's team conducted a number of experiments which analyzed how existential self-uncertainty, brought on by feelings of isolation during the pandemic, may open people up to conspiratorial thinking.

Building on previous research from HSU's Social Identity Lab, Gaffney studies how group identity functions as a means for understanding the world, and one's role within it. She explains that self-uncertainty acts as a "negative drive state," motivating isolated individuals to identify with groups as a means of informing how they should think, feel, and behave.

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gaffney's research may help to explain why a minority of Americans continue to resist wearing masks despite their demonstrated effectiveness in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Using survey data collected during last spring's lockdowns, her team found that conspiracy groups hold explanatory power, decreasing self-uncertainty for those who subscribe to conspiracy theories. Furthermore, they showed that feelings of isolation motivated desire to join a conspiracy theory group.

The data show that affinity for conspiracy groups, which propagate misinformation via YouTube channels and Facebook groups, offer those who are isolated at home something to connect to — and to feel less uncertain about the future.

"People feel like things are beyond their control right now," says Gaffney. "But we found that connection to social groups buffers the anxiety of the pandemic — group identification tells people how to think and feel and provides a sense of belonging."

These findings may have particularly important implications as the United States rolls out the first FDA-approved coronavirus vaccinations, with large segments of the American population voicing strong vaccine skepticism.

Another line Gaffney and her colleagues' research shows that critical responses to President Trump's handling of the pandemic has an effect on compliance to COVID-19 protocols.

Partisanship played a significant role in individual behaviors such as resisting orders to shelter-in-place, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing.

"When Republicans read a criticism of the current President, which they believed to come from a Democratic source, it actually increased their support for Trump, and decreased their likelihood to

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"sufficient evidence" to show that vaccination will prevent the spread of COVID-19. "So someone could get COVID, not be as sick, and still be able to spread it," he said.

Prevention measures must continue and once case counts decline, "We'll start to roll back (restrictions) as we're comfortable," he continued.

That point could come later this year "if we're complete optimists," said Hoffman, adding that some health care professionals believe it could be into next year and some believe measures like mask-wearing will have to continue through "the next several winter seasons."

Vaccination is ramping up as the county sees escalating weekly case counts. Last week's 233 confirmations followed the previous week's 271 new cases and as of Jan. 15, the county's total number of cases was 2,263.

Eleven people were in hospital care for COVID-19 last week and the county's ICU bed availability was at 14.3 percent. The northern region's ICU capacity was at 17.3 percent.

If the regional ICU capacity dips below 15 percent, a state stay at home order is triggered, effecting additional restrictions.

A total of 77 people had been hospitalized as of Jan. 15. There was one more COVID-related death last week, of an elderly resident of the Granada Rehabilitation and Wellness Center in Eureka, bringing the county's death total to 24.

Last week's death was the 13th related to the Eureka facility.

wear a mask," says Souter.

She explains that the same result did not occur when Republicans believed the source was another Republican, a classic example in-group and out-group identity formation along partisan lines.

Gaffney attributes this to the way that groups can provide clarity for individuals and people actively attempt to protect their leaders as extensions of themselves and their groups.

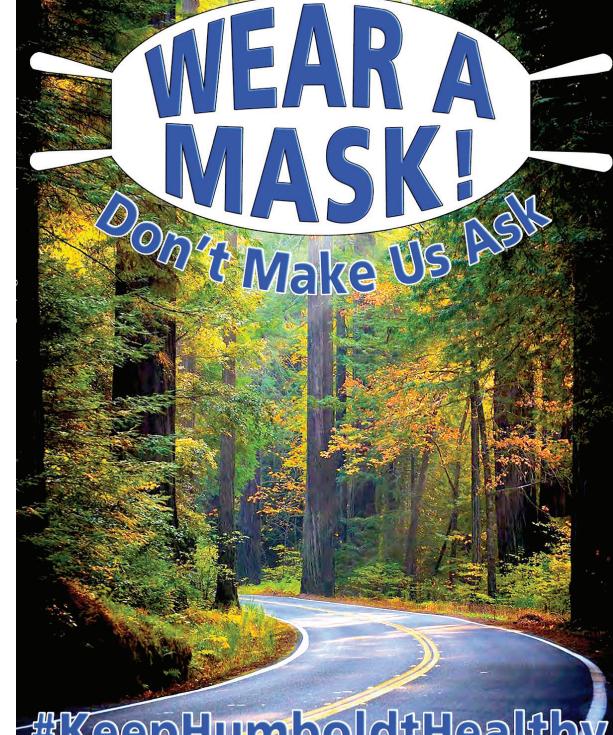
The study illustrates the important role that leaders set in shaping normative behavior, and how polarization can drive individuals to reject behaviors which they associate with the "other." At its crux, the psychologists found that a critical response of one's leader is characterized as an attack on the entire group.

The analysis of Republicans' increased support of the outgoing President in response to criticism from Democrats (the outgroup) is consistent with intergroup relations patterns with other world leaders. For example, Gaffney and her colleagues found that Liberal Canadians increased their support for Prime Minister Trudeau after they read an outgroup Conservative member's critical response to Trudeau appearing in a racist photo pattern did not emerge when he was criticized by an ingroup Liberal.

In both cases, their data illustrates that if the source of the criticism is from an outgroup, it actually strengthened support for the ingroup's leader.

Gaffney's team will conduct more experiments in the coming months to test their findings across varied demographics, including among social groups that typically skew toward extreme liberal and conservative politics — the anti-vaccination movement is a prime example.

For more information about social psychology and Professor Gaffney's research, visit HSU's Social Identity Lab at hsu-socialidentitylab.com.



#KeepHumboldtHealthy

McKMAC completing crucial Town Center wetlands policies

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE — The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) is nearing completion of one of its most important tasks — establishing wetland policies for the McKinleyville Town Center.

The policies will help determine how much and where development can take place in the largest undeveloped portion of the Town Center behind the McKinleyville Shopping Center and south of Hiller Road.

The McKMAC reviewed the policies with Humboldt County Planning Department staff during a nearly two-and-a-half-hour Zoom meeting Jan. 13.

Is it fair?

One of the issues before the committee was that its previous recommendation on wetlands definitions gives the Town Center area a more flexible wetland definition than the rest of McKinleyville, except for areas within the Coastal Zone.

Some people have questioned whether this is fair. Why should a development just outside the Town Center have to abide by a stricter wetland definition than a development inside the Town Center?

But McKMAC members have warned of "mission creep." If the committee starts taking up issues outside the Town Center, it may get bogged down and never complete the Town Center master plan.

When it comes defining wetlands outside the Town Center "I think it's been our consensus that

we not discuss this at this time," said McKMAC member Kevin Dreyer. "That could be a future conversation."

Defining wetlands

The McKinleyville Community Plan, approved in 2002, defines wetlands as having at least one of three criteria:

1. The presence of wetland plants; or,
2. Soils that are sufficiently wet in the upper part to develop anaerobic conditions during the growing season; or,
3. Periodic inundation for seven consecutive days.

The "one parameter" wetland definition means that if a wetland plant is growing in an area, it could be deemed a wetland.

The Humboldt County General Plan, and the Army Corps of Engineers use a less restrictive "three parameter" wetland definition, meaning all three conditions have to be met to deem an area a wetland.

The McMAC is recommending the more flexible three parameter definition.

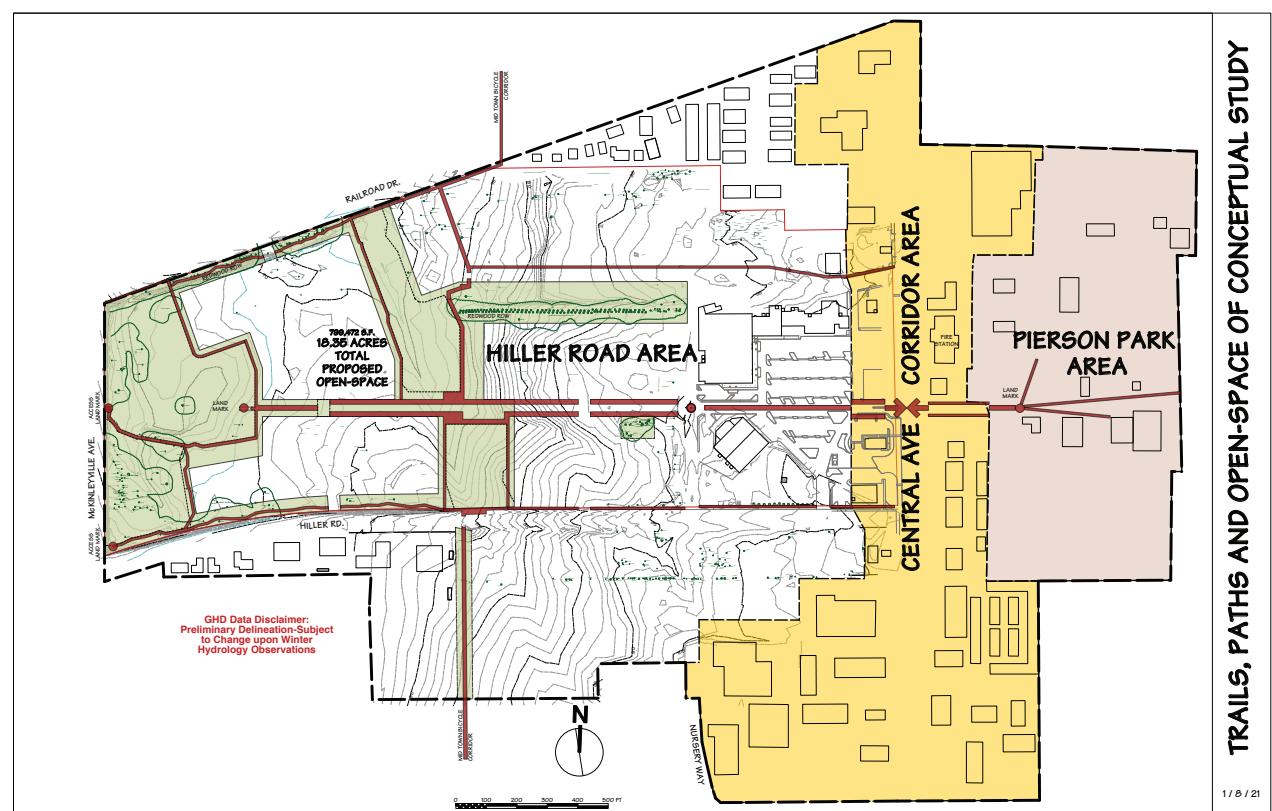
Trails & paths

The draft policies call for trails and paths in the wetland buffer areas to have pervious surfaces that allow water infiltration.

Anne Pierson, whose family owns most of the undeveloped land in the Town Center, said she was concerned that this policy could make paths inaccessible for the disabled.

Pierson said the paths may need a hard surface to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Planning Director John Ford



MCKINLEYVILLE TOWN CENTER This conceptual design by architect Kash Boodjeh shows open space/wetland areas in green. The red lines show proposed pedestrian/bicycle connections. There is no specific design for these pedestrian connections. The yellow area is the mostly developed area of the McKinleyville Town Center along Central Avenue and Heartwood Drive. Pierson Park, on the right, is also part of the Town Center. Pierson Park includes Azalea Hall (a community center, meeting venue and home to the McKinleyville Senior Center), Activity Center, Teen Center, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the McKinleyville Library.

responded that there are various hard surfaces that are pervious. There is even a pervious form of concrete, he said.

Another topic discussed was having raised walkways over the wetlands that would be created to mitigate those that may be filled.

Ford said that while the raised walkways may be a "cool idea," wetlands covered with a boardwalk would likely not be considered as mitigated wetlands.

Architect Kash Boodjeh also

unveiled some new conceptual designs showing trails and wetlands.

Boodjeh said an area that's going to need special attention is the intersection of City Center Road and Central Avenue. City Center Road is the main entrance to the McKinleyville Shopping Center.

The conceptual plan shows a pedestrian connection between the shopping center and Pierson Park. There is, however, no spe-

cific design.

Planning staff said they would further refine the wetland policies and may bring them back to the committee at its Wednesday, Jan. 27 meeting.

"I think we're getting close," said McKMAC member Twila Sanchez.

For documents and maps related to the McKinleyville Town Center, visit humboldtgov.org/2564/McKinleyville-Town-Center-Master-Plan.

Arcata Fire Dept. could get training to resolve 'embedded racial inequities'

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA — A "Racial Equity Assessment" commissioned by the Arcata Fire District recommends that staff receive hours of racial equity training and that the district form a committee to craft a statement that would "identify values and priorities related to racial equity."

At its Jan. 12 meeting, the district's Board of Directors reviewed the assessment, which was prepared by Stepping Stone Diversity Consulting, a local company. The 11-page report cost about \$800 and was paid for by a fund donated by Debbie Davis in memory of her late husband, George Alan Davis, a veteran firefighter who died in 2015.

The fund is intended for training and projects that improve the fire department, which covers McKinleyville, Arcata, Bay-side, Manila and Jacoby Creek.

The assessment was commissioned in July of 2020 after nation-wide protests against racial discrimination and police killings of Black people.

Lifelong commitment

The "Racial Equity Assessment" states "As the community engages in more open conversations about inequitable opportunities and outcomes, Arcata Fire District (AFD) faces the challenge of incorporating this knowledge into its operations. Leadership has commissioned this brief study of its policies and internal beliefs about race by Stepping Stone Diversity Consulting as a first step in that process."

A note near the beginning of the report states that the assessment's "findings and

recommendations reflect a starting point for AFD based on current capacity and resources. Racial equity work is a lifelong commitment to learning about how others experience the world and adapting practices in the pursuit of fairness and justice. As AFD's capacity develops, recommendations will evolve."

AFD gets low scores

The assessment included a survey of district staff and volunteers. Out of 33 of them, 16 responded to the survey.

Based on the responses to survey questions, Stepping Stone rated district respondents on their knowledge of the "depth of embedded racial inequities," their ability to discuss racial inequities, and a variety of other topics.

The company gave district staff and volunteers relatively low ratings based on a scale of one to five, with one being "absent," two "emerging," three "developing," four "partial mastery" and five "mastery." On the various race-related topics, the district mostly scored a one or a two.

"Clearly there is a lot of work that needs to be done," Stepping Stone co-director Meilis told the board.

Meilis said such low scores are normal for an organization that is just beginning to discuss racial inequities, adding that there are "opportunities for growth."

Saying the wrong thing

When it comes to staff members discussing racial inequities, Stepping Stone gave them a score of two, or "emerging."

"A majority of respondents are interested and engaged in learning about how identity

impacts societal outcomes," states the report. "Several respondents expressed comfort engaging in their personal lives and/or with colleagues they believe to be like-minded. Others said that these conversations feel superficial and do not address race in the department. As is quite common, there are clear concerns about 'saying the wrong thing,' that conversations about race will expose and/or widen divisions among staff, or that certain groups will be blamed or singled out for past societal injustices. While concerns about conflict are valid and especially important in an industry so reliant on teamwork and trust, conversations about race are not inherently negative when they are carefully considered and facilitated, and can in fact be opportunities for advancing deeper understanding and growth."

Is this a pressing issue?

According to the report, some AFD staff members consider racial equity an important topic, while others question whether racial equity is a pressing issue in the fire department.

"Several survey responses indicate that respondents understand that failing to have conversations, education, and relationships that consider the role of race in the United States will ultimately make connecting to each other and the community more difficult," the report states. "For others, this is an emerging issue. AFD should understand that, while most people are not blatantly resistant, a number of staff are unsure that this is a pressing issue, and unclear about how an investment in race and racial inequities will improve AFD's service to the community."

munity."

8 hours of equity training

The report recommends that the district create a racial equity committee, which would study the issue and help create a racial equity statement that "will enable AFD to identify values and priorities related to racial equity. This statement should guide internal and external approaches to engagement, making clear AFD's commitment and parameters."

Stepping Stone also recommends staff training.

"Stepping Stone recommends either an 8-hour overview training broken into modules, or a model in which trainers will work regularly with a core group to offer a combination of training and coaching for implementation with other staff," the report states.

The report also states that staff needs to be prepared for "pushback" from members who may not want the training.

"Leadership and facilitators/trainers must be prepared to handle pushback from staff who do not believe this type of education is relevant to their work," the report states.

Committee OK'd

AFD Vice President Randy Mendoza urged the board to create a racial equity committee. "There's never been a more important time to do this," Mendoza said.

The board voted 4-1, with Director Elena David abstaining, to form the committee.

The committee's makeup and responsibilities will be further discussed at an upcoming board meeting.

CERT disaster training available

McKINLEYVILLE CERT

HUMBOLDT — While dealing with the pandemic, Humboldt County has also had to deal with other emergencies and disasters such as fires and wildfires, power outages and blackouts, as well as floods.

Here on the North Coast, there is always the possibility of severe winter storms, earthquakes, tsunamis and active shooter incidents among other unpredictable events.

What will you do to help protect yourself, your loved ones, family and friends during such times?

There are CERT Teams (Community Emergency Response Teams) around the County that have been trained in Disaster and Emergency Preparedness to help others during times of need.

To begin, contact Linda Nellist, chair of the Humboldt CERT Coalition at humboldtcert@gmail.com. You will leave the training with information and skills, as well as equipment that could help achieve successful outcomes during disasters.

The McKinleyville CERT alone put in over 380 hours in 2020 helping out Humboldt County in the following ways:

- Assisted the Humboldt County Office of Emergency Services (OES) with delivery of PPE (personal protective equipment) to a variety of medical centers and health care facilities as well as to police and firefighters.

- Assisted at Food For People by culling and sorting foodstuff to help ensure freshness and viability and delivery during drive-thru distribution.

- Assisted the Red Cross during the wildfire season at the Shelter Evacuation Center in Ferndale, including set up and tear down.

- Assisted the OES with set-up and upgrade of an alternative care site in the event that COVID cases exceed hospital capacity.

In addition, McKinleyville CERT Team Leader Cliff VanCott helped to train the new Bridgeville CERT team last February, prior to the COVID shut down.

Waterfront explosions traced to suspect's makeshift shipping container workshop

EUREKA POLICE

EUREKA — Over the last several months, the Eureka Police Department's (EPD) Community Safety and Enhancement Team's (CSET) Park and Waterfront Ranger has received numerous reports of fireworks and loud explosions coming from the area of Bayshore Way in Eureka.

On Jan. 9, 2021, a report of an explosion near the waterfront trail was received. After speaking with witnesses and reviewing video surveillance from the area, 53-year-old Darin Vitolo of Eureka was identified as the suspect.

On Jan. 11, CSET and EPD's Problem Oriented Policing Team (POP) responded to the 1300 block of Bayshore Way for a probation search on Vitolo. During the search of Vitolo's shipping container, 29 grams of methamphetamine, U.S. currency, a scale, packaging material, and a pay/



Darin Vitolo

owe book were located.

The following items were located during a search of Vitolo's makeshift workshop:

a live explosive device, materials for the manufacturing of explosive components (fuses, containers, tape), tools, and items used to build explosive devices. There were also bulk chemicals which could be used in the making of energetic materials used in explosives. Several exploded devices and commercial firework containers not California approved were also located on the property. All items were consistent with evidence found after previous reports of explosions heard around the waterfront area.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Team responded and rendered the functioning explosive device safe. A test conducted at the scene confirmed the device was filled with explosive material.

CenterArts planning for fall season and beyond

HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU – As the transition of University Center services continues, student services staff is looking at ways to improve student and community programming in coming years.

"CenterArts will be continuing to serve the campus and community with world-class performing arts events as the organization has been doing for the last four decades," said Roy Furshpan, CenterArts Director.

"While the pandemic is making any performances very unlikely for the spring or summer at this point, we are hard at work putting together an exciting series of shows for the 2021/2022 season," Furshpan said. "We look forward to sharing our line up with the public sometime in the spring in anticipation of performances resuming in the fall, or whenever it

is safe to gather again."

CenterArts emailed patrons in December, sharing that the transition has positive potential for the campus and community. Programming is currently suspended due to the pandemic, but planning is underway for a safe return to performances for the 2021-22 season.

In addition to the performing arts series, CenterArts will be developing strategic partnerships within the Enrollment Management division and across campus to help expand student engagement opportunities and create new campus traditions. They will be initiating programming that will help the campus with recruitment and retention.

Student involvement in the planning will be important, as much of the effort will relate to a renewed focus on events specific-

ally designed for them. There will continue to be events designed with the broader community in mind, including the familiar shows and concerts, and planning is underway to add new types of programming. CenterArts will also be actively involved in implementing plans for the student-led process of re-envisioning the student union.

The changes being considered, and the enhancement to campus life they will bring, are directly in response to requests from student groups over recent years.

For now, with the pandemic preventing the University from hosting events and gatherings, the focus is on a smooth transition and creative planning.

Most management and support staff from the University Center have been offered state-side positions by the University.

HSU Human Resources has been in communication with most active UC employees and has extended offers of employment, and continues to work closely with employees to ensure they understand their options. The University will maintain all student jobs in non-dining areas like Center Activities and CenterArts.

CenterArts and oversight of the University-owned student union building will be moved to student services.

Immediate priorities for these areas include:

- Assessing and implementing scheduling platform and protocols
- Long term planning for campus events in conjunction with student leaders, Dean of Students, CenterArts, and others
- Developing strategy for more concerts and events on campus

with student-focused recording and entertainment artists

- Offering more student-centered space for gatherings and meetings
- Eliminating burdensome chargebacks and excessive space rental fees for student organizations

• Continuing to offer community programs that also draw student participation

- Fulfilling the Associated Students space prioritization work that began in 2019

• Commitment to student fees supporting existing programs instead of UC executive salaries

• Immediate service continuity and sustained partnership with campus leaders

• Dedicated strategies to enhance and improve sustainability

• Continuity for student employees

Humboldt Dems, GOP denounce the DC riot

A JOINT DECLARATION BY THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt County Republican Central Committee in solidarity with the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee would like to jointly denounce the violence witnessed in our Nation's Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6 as the 117th United States Congress convened to certify this nation's electoral college results.

These are extremely difficult and trying times. People fear COVID infection, job loss, business closure, and the stressful uncertainty of a nation pulling itself apart at the seams. In these trying times, we are thankful for our local elected officials, law enforcement and first responders.

Both local parties have suffered destruction of property at the hands of individuals who have decided to use unlawful actions to make a point rather than participate in productive dialogue and the principles and process of democracy. We would ask our community to stand with us against the use of violence as a form of protest.

It is time for each of us to reflect on the growing division between reasonable neighbors in



our community and to ask ourselves, "What kind of a nation do we want to live in?" It is Humboldt's Republican Chairman Doug Brower's and Democratic Chairman Danny Kelley's hope and prayer that our two Parties can work together by supporting our long standing traditions of democracy and peaceful expressions of freedom of speech while strongly denouncing violence and destruction of property.

Humboldt County is a special place and together we hope to be an example to the rest of our state on how we can coexist and even work together. As tensions continue to run high, we retain our faith in our democratic system of government. Our faith abides in the voters, election officers and governors (Republican as well as Democrat), who certified election results in every state. We call for a peaceful transition of power on January 20 and in the days to come. We the People, as we have done for the last 243 years, will persevere and overcome these trying times... together.

If you would like more information about this topic, please call Danny Kelley at (206) 550-1675, or email danny@edgecaliber.com. Alternatively, please call Doug Brower at (619) 846-6807, or email brower777@sbcglobal.net.

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OPINION

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If we don't learn something from all this, it'll happen again

Restore real mental health treatment

Rampant homelessness is a west coast phenomenon that has been growing since the 1970s. A local response — no matter how well intended or designed — cannot ever be adequate.

Use of pleasurable intoxicating substances (including alcohol) for more than a few hours per week is incompatible with legitimate employment. There is no cost level of housing that will be "affordable" or accessible for folks with addictions and no legal means of support.

A civilized society should always make provision for those who, for whatever reason, have become incapable of managing their lives — even for those who, arguably, do not deserve such help.

If it were only clean and sober families, down on their luck, that needed assistance, there would be many more local citizens willing to help and the problem would be manageable.

In recent decades, anyone seeking to purchase a piece of California real estate, especially in the very desirable coastal zones, has been forced to compete with a growing world-wide group of well-heeled buyers.

Humboldt County families who dutifully pay taxes to support our wonderful parks and open spaces are entitled to use clean and safe public restrooms, and should not have to put up with meth-fueled and obscenity-laced fights in our public plazas and town centers.

We eliminated large mental health facilities decades ago. They weren't perfect, but they weren't dungeons either. It's time we admitted our mistake and made the effort to restore an effective mental health system, including appropriate protections for both civil liberties and public safety.

Carl R. Ochsner
Chico

The sedition of Yahoos

As I watched, along with many of you, the events of January 6, the word Yahoo kept running thru my brain. "Yahoo began life as a made-up word invented by Jonathan Swift in his book *Gulliver's Travels*, which was published in 1726. The Yahoos were a race of brutes, with the form and vices of humans, encountered by Gulliver in his fourth and final voyage. They represented Swift's view of mankind at its lowest." I submit to you that what we saw online and on TV was a collection of Yahoos engaged in sedition.

Sedition is very important in the United States of America. In fact, all the revolutionary actors were accused of high crimes and sedition against the Monarchy of England. It also means that the thoughts and laws of our country are very aware of the seduction of insurrection and sedition.

"Sedition is overt conduct, such as speech and organisation, that tends toward rebellion against the established order. Sedition often includes subversion of a constitution and incitement of discontent toward, or rebellion against, established authority. Sedition may include any commotion, though not aimed at direct and open violence against the laws. Seditious words in writing are seditious libel. A seditionist is one who engages in or promotes the interest of sedition."

This definition of sedition covers all of the actions we saw last week. No Home-grown Americans have been accused of Sedition since the Civil War in the 1860s. The federal sedition laws are often augmented in times of war, such as the Sedition Act of 1918 which extended the Espionage Act of 1917 to cover myriad offenses, "notably speech and the expression of opinion that cast the government or the war effort in a negative light or interfered with the sale of government bonds." Some of these "offenses" expired soon after World War I, but they are changed and added to all the time. One of the most notable expansions comes from that paragon of Constitutional law:

"Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. established the "clear and present danger" test in *Schenck v. United States* (1919). In upholding Socialist Charles Schenck's conviction, Justice Holmes wrote that "the most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic."

Anyone and everyone who participated, directed or gave aid to these Yahoos is guilty of sedition. The least they can expect

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is a 20-year stint in a federal prison. I hope we have room for them. I also hope there is a general population section for those congressmen and senators who were especially helpful to the insurrection. Mike Pence, one of the heroes of the day. He gave a great speech and was apparently responsible for calling out the National Guard to quell the crowd, empty the buildings and secure the safety of the member of Congress.

While perusing the Constitution, as I am wont to do lately, I made note of the 14th amendment, often called the voting rights amendment. In Section 2 it states quite clearly that anyone participating in rebellion can have their right to vote abridged. In other words, any of these idiots, after convicting, can be stripped of their voting rights, for the rest of their lives. I am pretty sure none of them thought about this or the other consequences of their actions.

Thank you for listening,
Jan Phelps
Arcata

THE UNITED STATES IS A REPUBLIC



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"And to the Republic for which it stands."

Article IV Section 4 in the U.S. Constitution guarantees:

"Every State in this Union shall be a Republic."

Benjamin Franklin stated:

"We have given you a Republic, if you can keep it?"

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RANTY PHOTOCOPIED SCREED OF THE WEEK

OK, OK, we get it, we're a republic. Any readers who miss hearing our drunk uncle ranting at Thanksgiving about boring old-guy stuff are invited to cut out the above and stick it to their refrigerator door for year-round tedium.

RANTEEN BY MAIL

Killing to end killing

On January 12 Lisa Montgomery was executed on Trump's order. She had a life of unrelenting hell, of sexual and physical abuse from early childhood on. Her mother gave her to men to do what they pleased. She was forced to marry a half brother who forced her to have a hysterectomy. The only way she could survive her life was to shield herself with insanity. She strangled a pregnant woman and cut her baby out of her and took the baby. The baby was taken away and she was put in prison and was sentenced to die. She should have been put in a mental hospital. She had to be transferred to a men's prison to be killed. She could not tolerate being in a room with a man, she would go crazy and the prison had nothing but men. A court ruled that she was incapable of understanding she was to be executed but Trump pushed it to his Supreme Court and they ruled she was to die. Her death was as horrible as her life as she died surrounded by men. A long time ago I saw a bumper sticker that said something like, "We kill people so we will learn not to kill." I will never forget or forgive this execution and can only hope there will be an end to executions forever.

Sylvia De Rooy
Indianola

The Value of truth

Truth is a thing of value that is often undervalued. Truth is often seen to a barrier to success when it doesn't fit into one's perceived agenda. Failure to value truth progressed to problems of catastrophic proportions like the riot of January 6. Had Donald J. Trump respected the results of our November election, many would have been disappointed, but our nation would have been at some level of peace. But his ego could not accept defeat in a fair and secure election. Without the constant hammering on the false claims of a "stolen election," a lot of anger and hatred could have been prevented. Trump would have had a chance to reclaim the presidency in 2024.

Anyone and everyone who participated, directed or gave aid to these Yahoos is guilty of sedition. The least they can expect



News Item: Longtime pain in the ass and sore loser learns that Kraken-whackin' happens, making turnabout fair play. Coming soon: When "lock her up" suddenly applies to you.

But his obsession with presidential power prompted him to many different tactics to overthrow the election. If he truly believes in the God that he claims to, he would observe one of the Ten Commandments that tells us not to lie. If he was able to do that, his own life would now be much better, and the health of our nation would be greatly better. But due to his reliance on lies and inciting the Capitol Building riot, he is leaving the White House in disgrace.

If Trump was able to humble himself, to admit that he lied to us, and to ask for forgiveness, many of his followers would forgive him. Even a few democrats would forgive him. That could heal a lot of pain and division and to put him in a better position. What is possible is often not probable. Sadly some of what we hope and pray for is from Fantasy Land.

Dave Tschoepe
McKinleyville

Skepticism is a going concern

Recent events, such as the pandemic and the election, have shaken loose some preposterous reactions. For example, the idea that vaccines are laden with micro-microchips for sinister purpose, or that carefully managed and audited national elections were massively falsified.

You might ask yourself why anyone with a trace of discernment would believe these things, much less fight about them. It turns out there is a lively cohort of people who have been having all kinds of fun deconstructing nonsense of this sort of years.

The skeptical movement, or scientific skepticism aims to apply rules of logic in conjunction with evidence to blow away balderdash. Once you become familiar with the common logical fallacies, you recognize how much, if not most of our public dialogue is based on utter stuff and nonsense, and is a waste of halitosis.

If forming evidence-based opinions, and laughing/crying about popular falsehoods interests you, maybe take the skeptical movement for a spin. It processes new things that come along like the vaccine/5G sci-fear, but also dwell on the full, inglorious range of everyday misinformation-be-set topics such as fluoridation, vaccination, genetic engineering, chemtrails, alternative medicine, celebrity quacks, psychic powers, religious fraud, cryptozoology (Bigfoot and his ilk), political buffoonery and innumerable other sources of "woo." Often we just revel in the *real* wonder – of science.

There's a fairly large skeptical ecosystem, with websites of course, and podcasts, Facebook pages, skeptical celebs and even music. The vision of skepticism, at least as I understand it, is to elevate facts and reason, bring clarity to current events, promote scientific understanding, delegitimize misinformers and minimize pointless arguments and conflict. This of course ensures that there will be some pointless arguments and conflict, but at least there's a lot of scathing humor, and sometimes beer.

As one portal to this world, come check in at Humboldt Skeptics, but only if you can stand for some of your sacred cows to be challenged. That will probably annoy you at first, but after a while, you might appreciate the liberating experience of changing your mind based on facts. You can also enjoy the spectacle when high and mighty skeptics reject and try to spin facts that inconvenience their own silly superstitions.

Kevin L. Hoover
Arcata

WHAT COULD IT MEAN? This enigmatic sign is posted at Janes and Upper Bay roads, its instruction eluding the jerk in the Astro van, the ditzy blonde in the Toyota and the asshole in the grow-dozer.

This goes for the jerk in the Astro van, the ditzy blonde in the Toyota and the asshole in the grow-dozer. Those are just the three that have stuck in my mind since New Year's. It is no secret that I work at Mad River Community Hospital, I am traipsing home in my monogrammed scrubs.

I do the best I can at my job, and I do think it is not asking too much to at least be able to walk home without worrying that I will be the next person in our Trauma Registry. It might also bear mentioning that that portion of Janes Road is a 25 mile-per-hour zone as there is an elementary school, like, *right there*, and one day, soon, the kids will be there. It would be wonderful if we could all recall that, indeed, we are nation of laws.

Thank you for your time.

Tina Wood
Arcata





GRAND GUIGNOL Learn about the theatre of laughter and terror at an upcoming Dell 'Arte workshop. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Online workshops offer modern twist on historic theatre forms

DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte International is offering a series of theatre workshops designed for actors to investigate bold forms of expression while exploring long-standing comedic and dramatic forms that continue to entertain and touch audiences.

"Creation is possible, is being done, and is undergoing adaptation and innovation right now as we move through such unprecedented times," said Dell'Arte Producing Artistic Director Michael Fields. "These workshops are designed to inspire, to look forward to, to question and to investigate new forms, ways and possibilities for what will come and what is possible right now."

Shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic hit last year, Dell'Arte shifted to online platforms for performances and training purposes. These spring offerings are a way to keep that momentum going until in-person gatherings can safely resume. To learn more about the workshops, visit dellarte.com/school-of-physical-theatre/programs/online-workshops.

The following are the workshops:

Character Laboratory

Character Laboratory is a dive into the creation of original, physical characters from the ground up, rooted in the principles of Dell'Arte's full-time actor training programs.

Through the embodiment of images and forces found in the world around us, discover how movement gives rise to a character's body, voice, perspective and story.

The instructors are Lauren Wilson and Janessa Johnsrude. The workshop will be held Monday through Friday, Feb. 1 to Feb. 5, from 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

Resistance Theatre

This workshop will explore the vital connections of devising theatre in connection to social movements of resistance.

Starting with inspiration from international social movements like the French Revolution to, the Living Newspaper Project in the WPA, to Teatro Campesino and the Farmworkers' Movement, along with the San Francisco Mime Troupe, to the present day, we will enter the process of devising theatre with the intention of creating work that is intentionally in resistance to the status quo and has the possibility to help provoke and support change.

The instructor is Michael Fields. The workshop will be held on Mondays, Feb. 1 to Feb. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Theatre of Laughter and Terror

This unique theatre form – the "theatre of laughter and terror" with a little spatter thrown in – is the precursor to the modern horror film and has never been more relevant.

It was the first form of theatre Hitler banned once the Nazis occupied Paris. From hot and cold showers, to scripts, to effects techniques, this workshop will provide a primer in what was once the most popular theatre form in the world.

The instructors are Debbie McMahon (artistic director of the Grand Guignol in L.A.) and Michael Fields from Dell'Arte.

The workshop will be held Feb. 6 to 27 on Saturdays, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Feb. 6 will be a two-hour lecture with film clips, photos and history, offered as a stand-alone workshop for folks who are not actors, but are interested in the Grand Guignol form.

Taller de Dramaturgia Online

(*Estructura Dramática*) in Spanish

A theoretical and practical workshop that offers tools to analyze and create the dramatic structure in works of theatre. By analyzing actions, conflict, internal forces and dynamics, we will set the foundations of the play.

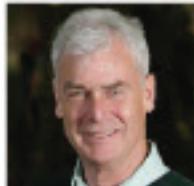
This workshop is aimed at actors, devisers, playwrights, directors, screenwriters and anyone interested in crafting original material for the stage or screen.

The instructor is Carlos Gallegos. The workshop will be held March 6 to 27, on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Funny Together

Comedic duos and partnering in a time of social isolation? Yes! Now more than ever we need to find new ways of partnering and celebrating each other's funny. Join partners on the stage and in life Elizabeth Nelson and Gabe McKinney in discovering how to create material and explore the dynamics of playing in duos. This workshop will delve into comedic archetypes, satire, improvisation and any other means necessary to find funny, together.

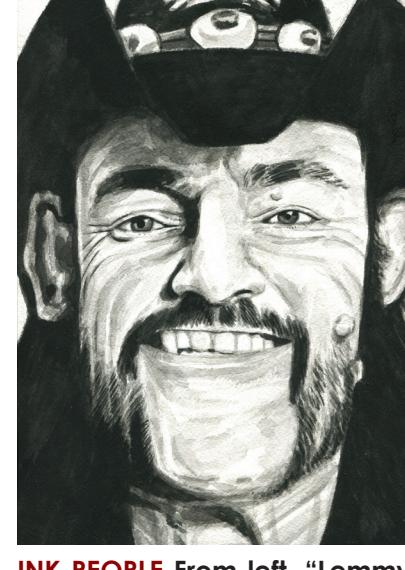
The workshop will be held March 20, 21, 27 and 28 from 10 a.m. to noon.



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SCENE



INK PEOPLE From left, "Lemmy" by James Woglom, "Cry Me a River" by Robot Adams, "RIP MF DOOM" by Robert Sataua and, top, "Flying Brain" by Sheala Dunlap. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



METALLIC

New exhibit opens at virtual art gallery

INK PEOPLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

EUREKA – Ink People Center for the Arts announces the opening of "METALLIC," the first group exhibition of 2021 at the Brenda Tuxford Gallery.

This fully virtual exhibition will be on view through Jan. 30. It carries on the gallery's multi-year tradition of kicking off the year with a community exhibition themed around a color.

"Many people are hoping for positive change in 2021, and our exhibition committee wanted to select a theme that could communicate that aspiration," said Gabrielle Gopinath, a member of the exhibition committee. "Metallic shades like gold, silver and bronze might be mixed in amongst the other crayons in the box, but their effect transcends the spectrum."

The nine artists whose works appear in the show use sculpture, watercolor, painting and mixed media to put very different constructions on the titular adjective.

Sheala Dunlap's sculpture "Flying Brain," a celebration of the cerebellum that is as immediate and accessible as an emoticon in cast bronze, connects explicitly to metal.

James Woglom's photorealistic watercolor "Lem-

my," painted with the artist's customary precision in grisaille, offers a more oblique reference that will make those viewers capable of recognizing bassist, singer and songwriter Ian "Lemmy" Kilmister of Motörhead and understanding him as the essence of heavy metal feel seen.

"RIP MF DOOM," by Robert Sataua, uncaps the gold inkwell to bear homage to a more recently departed musical genius: the rapper MF (Metal Face) DOOM, known for his brilliant wordplay, supervillain persona and signature metal mask.

Robot Adams's camp construction "Cry Me a River" features a vintage-edition glamour queen weeping silver aerosol tears. His statement puts a confessional spin on this depiction that's both hyper-local and reflective of shared contemporary realities.

"While those around me will remember 2020 as their 'worst year ever! (so far)', it was the year in which I accomplished an 18-year goal, being crowned Rutabaga Queen," Adams writes. "I'm the 2020 Queen, and I'll cry if I want to, but I'll still have my silver lining."

To view "METALLIC," go to inkpeople.org/tuxford-gallery-shows/ink-peoples-annual-color-show-metallic.

People helping people through Redwood Village

REDWOOD COAST VILLAGE

EUREKA – We all need a little help as we get older. That's the reason Redwood Coast Village (RCV) exists – to take the old idea of neighbors helping neighbors and expand that neighborhood to expand the help that's available.

The current pandemic has brought the potential for isolation among seniors into sharp relief. Seniors are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, so many have been sheltering in place for close to a year now.

Humboldt is blessed to have a number of community-based resources to help seniors during these tough times, but there's nothing quite like a friendly face on the doorstep and the opportunity for some real human interaction, even if it's from six feet away behind a mask.

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Redwood Coast Village is a network of vetted volunteers who can provide rides to stores, medical appointments, and other activities, grocery and other essential shopping, help with home and garden tasks, social activities (online or socially distanced), and personal check-in calls.

All these services – within their own and volunteers' comfort levels – are just a phone call away.

And while travel is discouraged, Village volunteers can be a comfort to families unable to visit with their older relatives, as RCV board member Kathleen Marshall is well aware.

"Before the last surge of COVID-19 in Humboldt, I had been planning an extended visit to family out of state. Knowing that my mother would have access to the help she needs through

the Village was a great comfort to me – she realizes I can't always be available to get her where she needs to go, so she was happy to sign up," Marshall said.

To help spread the word about the benefits of Village membership, Redwood Coast Village partnered last year with Village Movement California and other California Villages to create a short video explaining how Villages work.

This video can be viewed on the Redwood Coast Village website at redwoodcoastvillage.org/whatisavillage, along with more detailed information about Redwood Coast Village, how to join, and how to sign up as a volunteer.

For information, visit redwoodcoastvillage.org, email info@redwoodcoastvillage.org, or call the office at (707) 442-3763 x217.



NEW BRANCH MANAGER Compass Community Credit Union is pleased to introduce Kelsey



Dunn as the new branch manager for the Henderson Center branch. Dunn brings over 26 years of banking experience

locally here in Humboldt county. She has served as Chamber Ambassador for Eureka and McKinleyville and a former member of Kiwanis of Henderson Center. She is also a Western CUNA Management school graduate.

PEACE SCHOLARSHIP The

Humboldt Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is seeking applications for its Edith Eckart Memorial Peace Scholarship. The scholarship grants support projects that promote peace and social justice, locally or globally. Grants will range from \$150 to \$500. Applications are due by April 1. Information about the scholarship and the online application is available at wilpfhumboldt.wordpress.com/scholarship-information/.

You may also mail applications to: WILPF at P.O. Box 867, Arcata, CA 95518 and call (707) 822-5711 with any questions.

STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

The McKinleyville Lions Club is pleased to announce the 84th Annual Student Speaker Contest

with opportunities for high school students to earn \$500 cash awards and scholarships of \$21,000. The 2021 topic is "Distance and On-Line Learning: Pros and Cons." This six-level contest will begin in March and be held through June. The McKinleyville Lions' Club level will be held Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m. at the Dow's Prairie Grange, 3995 Dow's Prairie Rd., McKinleyville. Interested high school students should contact the McKinleyville Lions Club for more information and sign up. (707) 496-9724, mck1962lions@aol.com, facebook.com/MckinleyvilleLionsClub

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Winter comfort food at Bayside Hall

Bayside Community Hall invites the community to Brunch (to go) in Bayside on Sunday, Jan. 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For this special meal, local chefs Cassandra Kelly and Rachael Patton have created a hearty, healthy menu highlighting some of the specialties of our local foodshed.

As with the to-go brunches offered in July and October, this is a really innovative menu, to be offered one time only and focused on local and seasonal products.

The made-from scratch meal includes a main dish of local beans baked



BAYSIDE CORNERS
Carolyn Jones

with white wine, garlic and rosemary, with wilted greens. This is served with a salad of vinaigrette-dressed roasted vegetables, toast with caramelized onion parsnip spread and a local jam coffee cake. The meal is vegetarian.

The cost is \$12 when pre-ordered by Jan. 27, \$15 thereafter. Orders can be made online at baysidecommunityhall.org or by phoning (707) 599-3192. Proceeds go to maintain the Bayside Hall for community use.

This brunch takes the place of the hall's usual quarterly community pan-

cake breakfast, just one of the many types of social events that are on indefinite hold across our community. COVID-safety measures will be in place including staggered pick-up times, masks and social distancing.

Due to the possibility of rainy weather, pick-up will be drive-through, with cars checking in at the hall parking lot and then driving up to the kitchen door for pick-up.

Preparation of this type of food is very labor intensive! The organizers are looking for a few volunteers to fill out their ranks. There are slots for prep work, packaging, and greeters, on Saturday and Sunday. Strict COVID protocols are in place and enforced. And volunteers get a free meal!

For more information or to volunteer, call (707) 599-3192.



BRUNCH IN BAYSIDE Chefs Cassandra Kelly, left, and Rachael Patton gear up for January's Brunch in Bayside.

PHOTO BY CAROLYN JONES

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

21-00632

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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20-00625

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OLIVIA G. LOZANO CASE NO.: PR2000308

To all heirs, beneficiaries,

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OLIVIA G. LOZANO, aka

OLIVIA GLORIA LOZANO

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MICHAEL LOZANO in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

1. A hearing will be held on

March 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

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S/OLIVIA G. LOZANO

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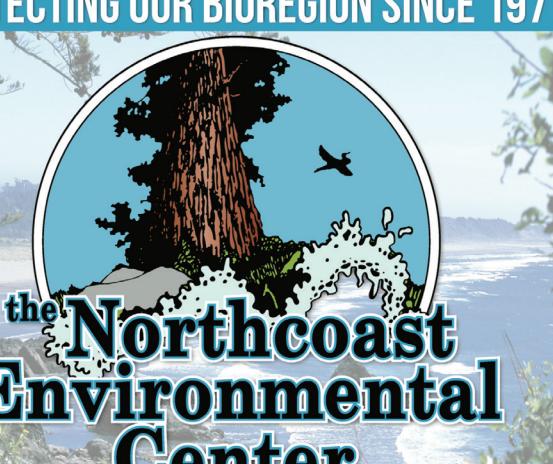
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created by retired life coach and author
Tracey Barnes-Priestley,
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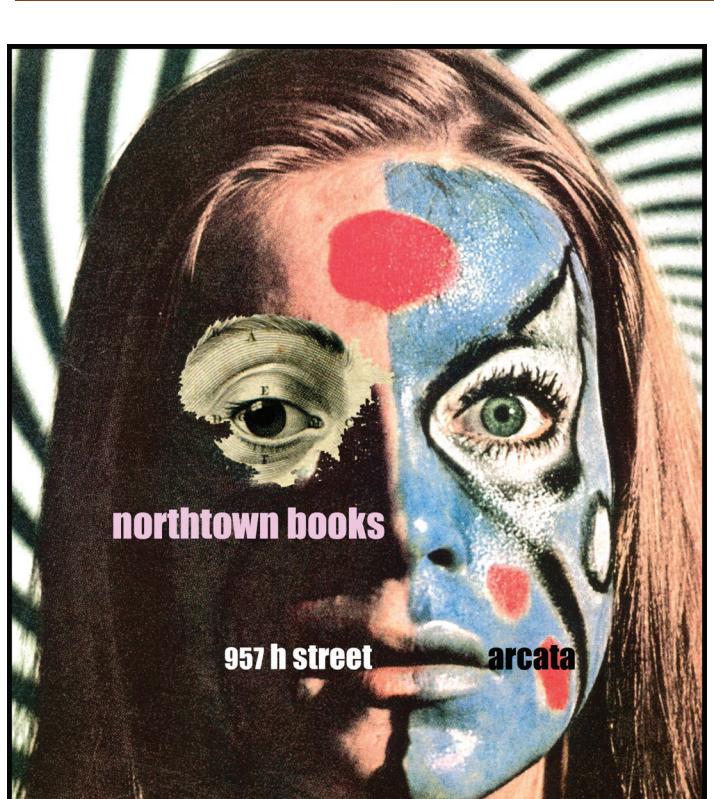
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Bear is a good boy who belies his troubled origins

Week 43. 2021 has certainly not been dull, and that goes for Redwood Pals Rescue's January as well!

We are keeping busy with lots of puppies and dogs, both in and out of the shelter.

Humboldt Spay and Neuter Network, a fine organization, has had a variety of puppy situations lately that they have contacted us about. Our little

mama Summer, who had her pups on Christmas Day, was one of those that we took on.

Three more canine families in need have been brought to our attention since then. Often they are dogs whose owners have agreed to get the dogs spayed, but they do not know what to do with their puppies, either expected or already here.

Today has been spent making arrangements for a litter of pups from a home where there reportedly have been as many as 36 dogs!

A neighbor has steadily been able to help the family get the females spayed, and this mom also has an appointment, but meanwhile there are nine puppies that will be set out in the yard for free unless we take them. Of course we will be taking them.

We are fortunate to have a supportive community and I'm hopeful that next week's column will have an update about the wonderful foster home we have found!

Bear is a nice young dog that Redwood Pals has been working with at the shelter. We first heard



about him when he was still living with his first family.

We had been notified that they might be in need of some training assistance and we offered to pay for a session with our trainer but they never called her.

Next thing we knew Bear had been surrendered to their local police department and he was at the shelter.

We started out slow with him, assuming that he had behavior problems, but quickly realized that he was really a pretty good boy. We've since heard that the previous owner had surrendered three successive dogs which leads us to believe that the problem may have been with the owner and not the dog...

Bear is just a big puppy at 11 months old. He is a golden Kelpie mix, weighing in at about 50 pounds. He knows Sit and Down. Bear plays very nicely with other dogs.

His favorite game is hold a toy and chase and he is happy to be either the chaser or the chasee.

Bear got to spend a weekend with one of our volunteers and her big dog and she reported that he rode well in the car, was housebroken, and was fine in a crate at night (even though it appeared that he was more familiar with the couch).

Our volunteer said that Bear was also very attentive and figured out quickly what was expected of him.

At the shelter Bear has quite a few dog friends and really enjoys his play time with them.

Bear is neutered and current on his vaccinations. He would love to meet you (and your dog if you have one) and show you what a good boy he can be!

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